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Table 1 Comparison of those working (any age) and those unemployed (working age)

<i>Variable</i>	<i>Not Working (working age) N= 92</i>	<i>Working (any age) N=236</i>	<i>P value</i>
DEMOGRAPHIC			
Age mean(sd)	55 (14.7)	48 (11.01)	<0.001
Sex male (%)	44%	50.1%	0.190
DISEASE FACTORS			
Arthritis duration years mean (sd)	8 (9.8)	5.8 (7.77)	0.082
DAPSA mean (sd)	45 (26.1)	45 (29.7)	0.710
68 Tender joint count mean (sd)	17 (14.8)	15 (11.6)	0.932
66 Swollen joint count mean (sd)	8 (6.9)	7 (6.8)	0.462
CRP mean (sd)	14 (18.2)	15 (29.8)	0.765
Global VAS 0-100 mean (sd)	62 (23.8)	66 (65.8)	0.976
Pain VAS 0-100 mean (sd)	61 (24.9)	65 (66.1)	0.952
Joint VAS 0-100 mean (sd)	62 (22.9)	68 (91.5)	0.875
Skin VAS 0-100 mean (sd)	39 (30.3)	46 (93.1)	0.744
HAQ 0-3 mean (sd)	1.3 (0.78)	1 (0.68)	<0.001
EQ5D VAS 0-100 mean (sd)	0.4 (0.36)	0.5 (0.28)	0.073
FACT mean (sd)	22 (10.9)	21 (9.9)	0.330
DLQI 0-30 mean (sd)	5 (5.9)	4 (5.3)	0.418
Radiographic score: RATINGEN 0-360 mean (sd)	19 (31.7)	8 (16.4)	<0.004
Any co-morbidity * yes	52%	31%	0.001
SOCIOECONOMIC			
WPAI %	n/a		n/a
Absenteeism		14% (28.9)	
Presenteeism		39.0% (27.2)	
Productivity loss		40.0% (30.4)	
Activity Impairment		49% (26.8)	
Employer aware			<0.001
Very helpful	5% (2)	25% (41)	
Helpful	18% (7)	35% (58)	
No help required	42% (16)	30% (49)	
Unhelpful	21% (8)	7% (11)	
Very unhelpful	13% (5)	3% (5)	
Missing	n/a (54)	n/a (71)	
Educational level			0.017
No formal education	1% (1)	0% (0)	
Lower secondary	63% (56)	49% (110)	
Upper secondary	12% (11)	26% (58)	
University	24% (21)	25% (56)	
Missing	n/a (3)	n/a (11)	

*Comorbidities yes if any of Diabetes, Hypertension, Hypercholesterolemia, Cerebrovascular disease or Cardiovascular disease,

% displayed is the valid per cent. Difference between working/ not working Chi square or Mann Whitney U as appropriate..